

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A hardtop vehicle roof movable between a closed position in which it covers an interior space of a vehicle and a storage position, in which the roof (1) is disposed in a rear storage compartment, said hardtop vehicle roof (1) including front, intermediate and rear rigid roof shells (2, 3, 4) which, in the closed position, are disposed, in the longitudinal vehicle direction, one behind the other and wherein ~~at least one of~~ said front and rear roof shells (2, 4) ~~comprises~~ comprise each three sections, a center roof section (2a, 4a) and opposite side roof sections (2b, 4b), which are pivotally connected to the respective center roof sections ~~(2b, 4b)~~ (2a, 4a), and said center roof sections ~~(2b, 4b)~~ (2a, 4a), being displaced in the ~~deposit~~ storage position of said roof (1) upwardly relative to the respective roof shell side sections (2b, 4b), said side roof sections (2b, 4b) of the front and rear roof shells (2, 4) and the center roof sections (2a, 4a) of the front and rear roof shells (2, 4) ~~having~~ which have outer surfaces which face downwardly in said storage positions and ~~being~~ are displaced upwardly ~~being~~ received in the ~~curved upwardly facing~~ intermediate roof shell (3), which is upwardly curved in the storage position.

2. (currently amended) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said roof (1) includes three roof shells (2, 3, 4).

3. (original) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 2, wherein each of said front roof shell (2) and said rear roof shell (4) comprises three sections.

4. (original) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 2, wherein in the storage position the front roof shell (2) is disposed between the rear roof shell (4) and the intermediate roof shell (3), which is disposed on top.

5. (original) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 2, wherein said front roof shell (2) and said rear roof shell (4) are deposited in the storage position in the same orientation.

6. (currently amended) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 5, wherein said front roof shell and said rear roof shell have outer roof surfaces which, in the storage position ~~the outer roof surfaces~~ of the front roof shell (2) and of the rear roof shell (4), face downwardly.

7. (original) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein said rear roof shell (4) comprises three sections, a center section (4a) and side sections (4b), said center section including a rear window panel.

8. (original) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 1, wherein the side roof sections (2b, 4b) are pivotally connected to the intermediate roof shell (3) and the

center sections (2a, 4a) of the roof shells (2, 4) are movable relative to the intermediate roof shell (3).

9. (currently amended) A hardtop vehicle roof according to claim 8, wherein the side roof sections (2b, 4b) are connected to ~~the~~ adjacent ends of the center roof shell (3) by pivot joints (A, B).